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"PERSON IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE LINK SYSTEM, INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, AND PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM"

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Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" on page 1, insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claim(s) priority to Japanese Application(s) No(s). P2000-264515 filed August 31, 2000, which application(s) is/are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--

Respectfully submitted.

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